

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs at page 4, lines 14-18, with the following re-written paragraph:

-- Figure 3F is a partial, cross-sectional side view of the orifice introducer device illustrated in Figure 3A having the second tubular body further inserted therein; [[and]]

Figure 3G is a partial, cross-section side view of the orifice introducer device illustrated in Figure 3A having distal portion partially withdrawn therethrough; and

Figure 3H is a partial, cross-section side view of the orifice introducer device illustrated in Figure 3A having distal portion partially withdrawn through the second tubular body. --

Please insert the following paragraph at page 12, between lines 10 and 11:

-- As seen in FIGS. 3E-3G, in use, as discussed above, the distal portion 310 is movable between a first expanded configuration when the distal portion 310 is attached to the distal end of the tubular member 300 and a second contracted configuration when the distal portion 310 is detached from the distal end of the tubular member 300. As seen in FIG. 3E, in the first expanded configuration the proximal end 310a of the distal portion 310 is oriented towards a proximal direction, and as seen in FIGS. 3F-3H, in the second contracted configuration the proximal end 310a of the distal portion 310 is oriented towards a distal direction. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 11, with the following re-written paragraph:

-- Alternatively, as seen in FIG. 3H, in one example embodiment of the present invention, the proximal end 310a of the distal portion 310 contracts sufficiently such that the outer diameter of the distal portion 310 is smaller than the inside diameter of the tubular insertion device 330, such that the distal portion 310 may be proximally withdrawn through the tubular insertion device 330 while leaving the tubular insertion device 330 in place within the tubular member 300. In this embodiment, both the tubular member 300 and the tubular insertion device 330 may remain in position within the orifice, and a surgical device may thereafter be inserted into the proximal end 330a of the tubular insertion device 330 and advanced distally therethrough. --